

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 1, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Treatha Brown-Foster
Gerald Domotrovic

Lori Lawrence
Debra Miller-Stevens
Janice Rich
Steve Roberts
James Thompson
Janet Wilson

Guests

Shontina Tipton, PO Box 781008
James Roseboro, 4518 Greenbriar
Mike Vestweber, 2616 N Hillcrest
Circle
Gertrude Caldwell, 1217 N Estelle
Beverly Domotrovic, 1219 GW Drive
James Wilson, 265 N. Mathewson
Timothy Donnell, 748 N. Minneapolis

City of Wichita Staff Present

Fire Captain T J Carney, Fire Department
Officer Weber, Beat 44, Wichita Police Department
Officer Kimble, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Lt. Heimerman, Patrol South, Wichita Police Department
Dale Miller, Planning Department
John DAngelo, Arts & Cultural Service Manager
LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Council Member Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Miller-Stevens) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried **8:0**

Approval of Minutes

Thompson (Roberts) made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried **8:0**

CM Williams thanked everyone for coming and asked that if anyone chose to speak that they state their name and address for the record.

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

No items submitted.

2. Off Agenda Items

James Roseboro, 4518 Greenbriar provided a letter to the Board from Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association, Matlock Heights Neighborhood Association, Northeast Heights Neighborhood Association and Wichita Independent Neighborhood regarding a second location for the Lord's diner.

Roseboro advised that they met with the Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association and they are not in favor of a Lords Diner in their community. They feel the Lord's

Diner is inappropriate in a residential area and do not feel that the diner will fit anywhere along 21st Street. In the letter provided it states that they believe in the mission and ministry of the Lord's Diner and a lot of our residents participate in some form of this ministry. However they are several concerns with the proposed sites which include:

- the amount of increased traffic
- proximity of the schools both Gordon Parks and Mueller
- proximity of Piatt Memorial Park
- increased crime
- why the proposed locations are being considered as they are at the northern tip of 67214 zip code, where they are saying many of the residents are in need
- impact on the beautification project that is coming to this location
- our Community Police Office is not in favor of this project being located in a residential area.

The letter went on to provide suggestions for alternate locations such as 9th & Grove and 21st & Mosley, with the goal of not having the site in a residential area. The goal of the Neighborhood Associations is to bring in businesses that will provide jobs for our residents.

Roseboro noted that they would just like to be on record that they are not in favor of a Lord's Diner in the proposed locations and that if need they will begin petitions to express their desire to not allow a Lord's Diner to locate in a residential area.

Brown-Foster added that she spoke with the President of Power Neighborhood Association and they are also against this project as well. **Brown-Foster** stated that this is not a good idea as we are in the process of beautifying along 21st Street and if we add such a business we will not be able to attract new businesses in the area.

Miller-Stevens asked Roseboro if they had expressed their concerns and provided them with this letter. **Roseboro** stated that Patricia Fields has talked with Kim Bufford – the consultant for the project and they have discussed all of these concerns.

CM Williams advised that she would talk with Wendy Glimick – Manager of Lord's Diner as she would be able to answer more of the community's questions. **CM Williams** noted that this project is being driven by the Lord's Diner and that Kim Bufford is just a consultant collecting the data for the Lord's Diner. **CM Williams** also noted that it was also suggested that maybe the Lord's Diner should try and utilize a church in the evening to meet the need.

CM Williams thanked Roseboro for his time.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Staff Reports

3. Fire Report

Fire Captain TJ Carney, Fire Department provided the Board with a District 1 Fire Incident Overview report that outlined the resource utilization by incident type for the month of November. **Carney** described the types of incidents that the Fire Department responds to and also provided the stats for November which were as follows:

	Incidents	Resources
EMS and Rescue Calls	428	570
All Fire Calls	11	24
Other Service Calls	123	252
Structure Fire Calls	9	91
Totals	571	937

Carney noted that 75% of the calls that the Fire Departments respond to are medical emergencies and the other 25% would be the remaining categories listed above.

Board members wanted to know how this information compared to other districts, from month-to-month and what the trends for the district were. **Carney** advised that he did not have that information but could make it available at a later date.

CM Williams asked if **Carney** could get the information to **Porter** before Saturday so that she could provide an update to the community. **Carney** advised that he would. **CM Williams** also asked if **Carney** could get detailed information on the fires that occurred in District 1 for the month of November, including the cause of the fire and estimated financial loss for each property.

Roseboro also wanted to know if the 911 issue had been resolved. **Carney** advised that he would get that information and provide to Porter as well.

CM Williams thanked **Carney** for his report.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

4. Police Report

Lt. Heimerman, Patrol South reported that auto larcenies (car break-ins) were still an issue. He informed the Board and the community to make sure that they did not leave valuable items in visible site in their cars. He noted that during this season they see an increase in auto larcenies and the Police department increases public education and awareness emphasizing the importance of not leaving valuables in your car.

Heimerman also advised the Board of an incident at 225 N. Waco on November 20th.

Heimerman noted that this was not in District 1 but wanted to make sure that people were aware of their surroundings. He noted that a homeless man assaulted a woman leaving church at 6p.m. The young lady got in her car and when she pulled off noticed that her tire was on a flat. She pulled over in the parking lot to make a phone call and the homeless gentlemen snatched open the door, took her purse and then try to sexually assault her. The woman was able to fight the man off and eventually he was picked up by the Police. When the woman had her tire repaired she was told that the tire had been cut, so this individual had plan the attack. So again not that it is getting darker earlier citizens should be aware of their surroundings and paying attention.

Heimerman also noted that at 300 S. Greenwood there was a sixteen year old who was stabbed six times and an eighteen year old was shoot in the chest. He noted that neither of the victims would cooperate with the Police so they have not been able to identify any suspects. **Heimerman** stated that they believe this was drug deal gone badly.

Officer Shek Weber, WPD – Beat 44, noted that in November a crime trend was developed on burglaries and robberies. The burglaries were occurring at the Woodgate Apartments and the robberies on 21st & Woodlawn. They have identified that three people were responsible for both the robberies and burglaries. **Weber** advised that the Police Department completed a special assignment on November 19th and they got some intelligence and were able to arrest two of the suspects on probation violations with the help of other agencies. He noted that they are still monitoring the situation to see if the activity stops and/or increases.

Weber also noted that the Family Dollar Stores are also experiencing robberies. There was a robbery on November 17th at the 13th & Grove store and then another on November 19th at the 21st & Oliver store. They believe that both robberies were committed by the same individual. **Weber** noted that no arrest had been at this time.

Weber also noted that they are still investigating and speaking with the neighbors in regards to the arson that occurred at McAdams Park.

Weber also advised that the Police Department delivered Thanksgiving dinners and delivered a total of 76 dinners.

Brown-Foster asked if you are setting a Neighborhood Watch at Woodgate Apartments. **Weber** advised that yes Officer Ward is working with the complex and have developed some Neighborhood Watches. **Brown-Foster** had a follow up question regarding the 21st & Woodlawn stabbing and wanted to know do you have a suspect. **Weber** stated that they do not have a suspect yet.

CM Williams asked if there were any updates on the vandalism at Piatt Park. **Weber** advised not yet. **CM Williams** advised that she met with several individuals and they are trying to work on some solutions.

Officer Kimble advised that larcenies are up in the parks including Chisholm Creek and the Nature Center. Both of these parks have experienced break into cars during the day and that many of the break-ins have resulted from individuals leaving valuable items in plain sight in their vehicles.

Kimble also advised that a robbery occurred at 2740 N. Iva. He noted that three guys broke into the back of the residence, called and ordered a pizza and then when the delivery guy arrived they robbed him took his money, cell phone and pizza.

Kimble advised that he has been working with the students at Mueller, Gordon Parks, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Brown-Foster asked Kimble if the situation with the dogs on 23rd Street has been corrected. **Kimble** advised that he has met with the resident and she has reduce to four dogs and has obtained an animal maintenance permit. **Kimble** advised that he has developed a relationship with the resident and would drop by periodically to check on her and the dogs.

CM Williams asked if they were having any issues at Calvary Towers. **Kimble** advised that yes they are having issues with drug activity, loitering and prostitution. He noted that the Officers have patrolled the area and facility more reducing the amount of traffic, but there is still an issue.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

5. Design Council Advisory Board and Review Process

Tim Austin, Chairman of Design Council presented information on the background of the Design Council noting that the Council was formed in 2000 to act as an advisory board to members of the City Council. The Board is comprised of 15 design professionals and represents architects, landscape architects, artists, engineers and the community at-large.

Austin noted that the board was created to review projects that impact the visual appearance of the built environment in the City and to make recommendations to members of the City Council to ensure that the highest design standards are met and economic resources allocated for the built environment are being used to their best advantage.

Austin advised that the mission of the Design Council is to recommend and encourage the integration of the higher design standard in the build environment. **Austin** also discussed the goals of the Council indicating that there goals were to:

- Educate the community to appreciate a higher aesthetic design standard.
- Prioritize appropriate projects with adequate budgets.
- Encourage and direct private participation in the projects that enhance the built environment.
- Promote maintenance and conservation of the city's aesthetic resources.

Austin then noted that Wichita is setting the pace nationally in developing design criteria used by other cities. He then went on to show different pictures of current projects that the Design Council has played a role in as well as providing examples of the integrated design approach. The integrated design approach stems from the pursuit of art not as an "add-on" but as an integral element of a structure planned during the early phases of a project. Some examples include the Minisa Bridge, the pedestrian bridge, Evergreen Library, the Keeper of the Plains and many more.

Austin noted that the new projects underway that would include the integrated design process included: East Kellogg from Webb to Butler County Line; West Kellogg from 119th to 135th; Mid-Continent Airport (New Terminal); and Streetscaping around the new Intrust Arena.

Wilson asked since green space was a big deal how did the Design Council incorporate that into their plans. **Austin** advised that they do look at green space when that look at the landscaping, but they have not looked at it from a footprint aspect as of yet.

Miller-Stevens asked what was the limit on art work 20% or 30%. **Austin** advised that there is not set limit that it is usually 1-3% depending on how big the project. He also noted that the budget also dictates how much art work can be added to a project.

Lawrence wanted to know if the Design Council was working with the new Douglas Design group. **Austin** responded that currently they are not. He noted that we want to allow them to what they are doing and be able to provide them with input on the front end. **Austin** noted that there intent is to have a fluid relationship with businesses, engineers, and architects and shape their projects but still give them the creative leeway to design their projects according to their vision.

Shontina Tipton, 865 S. Woodier wanted to know if there are any plans for integrated designs at the Water Walk. **Austin** advised that the Water Walk is a private development.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

6. **ZON2008-00057**

Dale Miller, Planning Department presented information on the rezoning request from Multi-family Residential to Limited Commercial. **Miller** advised that the location of the property is at the southeast corner of Elm and Glendale (northeast of the intersection of Central and Oliver). He noted that the project will give the applicant a clean defined site to work with as he owns the property to the west.

Wilson wanted to know if the developer was planning to build facing the residential area. **Tim Austin (Agent), Poe Associates** advised that the development will face Oliver and screening will be included along the backside of the property. He also noted that there would be traffic along Glendale.

Miller-Stevens asked how far does the LC go north on Oliver. **Miller** advised that he believes that it only encompasses just the one large lot.

CM Williams asked if we knew what the developer had planned to build on this site. **Austin** advised that they have not made a final decision at this time.

Roseboro asked if a Neighborhood Association was in the area and if so they had been notified. **Miller** advised that the City did not have a Neighborhood Association on record. **Thompson** advised that Sleepy Hollow is immediately to the west.

Action Taken: Roberts motion to approve the zoning request per the staff report. Brown-Foster 2nd the motion. Miller-Stevens abstained from the vote. Motion passed (7:1).

Board Agenda

7. **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

Rich advised that the Hyde Neighborhood Association will not meet in December.

CM Williams advised that she attended their last meeting and potluck and had a good time.

Lawrence advised that they will be having their potluck dinner on November 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Porter advised that the December Breakfast would be held at All Occasions on Saturday, December 6th. She also advised that she is working Eastminster on the Love Wichita project and would be looking for the Neighborhood Associations to recommend projects.

Miller-Stevens advised that the South Central Historic Christmas Tour would take place on December 13th and that the tour is free and parking will be available at the Firefighters Museum and Hamilton Middle School.

Miller-Stevens asked that we keep Dr. Bill Nixon's family in our prayers as he passed away at the age of 92.

Brown-Foster advised that the NE Millair will not meet again until March 2009.

Domotrovic advised that his church has worked with the Love Wichita project and it is a great project.

Wilson advised that the A. Price Woodard party is coming soon; she would notify the group in at the breakfast on Saturday.

CM Williams that the Young People of Wichita will also working on a project around Gordon Parks Academy to also be completed in April.

CM Williams also noted that she is looking forward to new City Manager and is ready for the process to move forward so that we can move the city forward and deal with the issues at hand.

James Roseboro advised that Northeast Heights and Matlock Heights will have a combined Christmas party on December 19th at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

With no further business, **Roberts (Miller-Stevens)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried **8-0**. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant